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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with [redacted] re Briefing
of House Armed Services on Sensitive Information

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1. Met with [redacted], USAF, by chance at the House Armed Services Committee staff rooms and reviewed the problem faced by his office in the handling of the information on Soviet variable geometry aircraft which is now available in the sanitized TDCS at the "Secret" level.

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2. [redacted] advised that in the original go around his authority for briefing Chairman Rivers and Russell Blandford about the report from a highly classified collection project had not only been given him from his front office at DIA, but had also been cleared through General Jim Lawrence (Jack Stempler's office) with the Secretary of Defense. He noted that at the time of that briefing Chairman Rivers had been very pointed in his remarks that this was information that should be given to the American public. He had cautioned the Chairman on this and pointed out the sensitivity of the information. In keeping with this background experience, when the sanitized TDCS covering the same subject matter was received, [redacted] called [redacted] OSR/DDI, to verify that the release of this information was appropriate for inclusion in the DIA daily bulletin. He also raised the question with Mark of whether there would be any restrictions on showing this document to Chairman Rivers since the information was now being released at the "Secret" level. He also noted that he had talked to our [redacted] later in the evening and was pleased that this matter of the release of such information at the "Secret" level with its very recent history of handling by Chairman Rivers is receiving the attention that it warrants.

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